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Per our 3/18/2010 conversation, please see attached.

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Proposed Amendments to the Claims:

(Proposed Amendment) An apparatus for making a package comprising a mineral wool product substantially air-tightly enclosed by a foil, comprising

mechanical compressing means adapted for receiving said mineral wool product and for compressing said mineral wool product in a first direction to bring about a dimensional reduction thereof.

wrapping means for enclosing said mineral wool product with a web of a substantially air-tight foil,

an evacuating station arranged downstream of said compressing means, said evacuating station including evacuating means for evacuating <u>air from</u> said mineral wool product compressed by said compressing means and enclosed by said foil.

said evacuating station including opposed surfaces arranged to engage an upper and a lower surface of said mineral wool product compressed by the compressing means and enclosed by the foil for maintaining said dimensional reduction during transfer to said evacuating means of said mineral wool product compressed by the compressing means and enclosed by the foil.

said opposed surfaces maintaining said dimensional reduction during said evacuation by said evacuating means.